

## **Moran Objects to Rule Change that Could Criminalize Boy Scouts and Sportsmen**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran joined 70 members of the House of Representatives in asking U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to halt a proposed regulation to expand the 50-year-old definition of "switchblades" to include a ban on pocket knives commonly used for work and recreation.

Despite federal law clearly defining a "switchblade" knife, the regulation proposed by the DHS Office of Customs and Border Protection would reclassify "switchblades" to now include legal assisted-opening knives. In the United States, assisted-opening and one-hand-opening knives account for 80 percent of all knives sold. The change would ban the importation of these products. Additionally, the broadening of the definition of "switchblade" could lead to the criminalization of the use, sale and manufacturing of the commonly-used knives.

"It defies common sense to prevent Americans from having a legal pocket knife. The Obama Administration's actions could ban a tool routinely used by law enforcement, Boy Scouts, construction workers, farmers and hunters," Moran said. "I am greatly concerned that the Obama Administration is looking for yet another place to force government where it doesn't belong."

Moran, along with bi-partisan members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, recently sent a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

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